of the resources made available to the State under the Indira Awas Yojana, were 6900, 6900 and 5825 respectively.

(b) On the basis of the information received from the State Government, the number of houses constructed/allotted to the target group under the yojana during the year 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 in the State, are 4485, 7091 and 6563 respectively.

(c) The performance of the State Government during the last three financial years, under the Yojana is satisfactory.

HUDCO assistance to Assam Municipal Corporations

3216. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance given by HUDCO to Assam Municipal Corporation for different Housing Schemes; during the last three years; and

(b) whether Weaker sections had been covered by the above schemes and the financial assistance proposed to be given to the Corporation during the year, 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) There is only one municipal Corporation in the State of Assam i.e. Guwahati Municipal Corporation. HUDCO has not sanctioned any loans to Guhawati MunicipalCorporation for housing schemes. However, during the last 3 years HUDCO has sanctioned 2 commercial Schemes to the Guwahati Municipal Corporation for a total loan of Rs. 2.52 crores.

(b) During the year 1989-90 an allocation of Rs. 7.39 crores has been made for the state of Assam, out of which Rs. 3·12 crores is for Economically Weaker Sections.' HUDCO will sanction housing schemes for the Economically Weaker Sections provided suitable schemes are formulated by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation as per HUDCO guidelines ?

Import of sugar

3217. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import sugar; if so, how India is going to compensate rupees in foreign exchange; and

(b) what is the sugar price per metric tonne in the world market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Quantum and schedule of import of sugar are decided after considering domestic stock, production, consumption of sugar, current price and expected trend in internal market and sugar price in International Market. It is not in public interest to disclose such details.

(b) London daily prices for white sugar on FOB basis during July, 1989 were in the range of US $ 424—509.50 PMT.

Filling up of backlog vacancies of SC/ST in National level cooperative federations.

3218. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to fill up the backlog of reserved vacancies for SC/ST persons in National level Cooperative Federations ;

(b) if so, Federations which are complying with the directives and those which are not complied so far ;

(c) whether any directives have been issued to appoint SC/ST persons in place of existing causal and *ad-hoc* employees; and

(d) if so, whether such directives have also been issued to NAFED: if not, what is Government's policy in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (*a*) to (*d*) National level cooperative federations are autonomous bodies and have framed their own recruitment rules. However, a condition is stipulated while sanctioning grants that the concerned federation agrees to make reservation for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the posts/services under its control. The grantee national level cooperative federations abide this condition. The Government have not issued any directives to the national level cooperative federations including NAFED regarding appointment of SC/ST persons in place of existing casual and *ad hoc* employees.

Continuation for three consecutive terms by Chairman, NAFED

3219. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present the Chairman of NAFED is holding office for the third consecutive term in violation of Section 37 of provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 1984;

(b) if so, what is the justification therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue any directive for fresh elections of Chairman to create a healthy precedent in furture; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No Sir, because the Explanation under Section 37 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 has been modified in relation to national co-operative societies including NAFED vide notification of 7th June, 1989.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Subsidy given to Andhra Pradesh

3220. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the percentage of subsidy being given to the state Government of Andhra Pradesh for rice distribution through fair price shops in that State ;

(b) whether Gorernment have received the rice samples and their varieties being supplied to tribals in that State;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government on rice samples;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have not supplied the entire quota of rice allotted to that State during this year and have supplied only 6·4 lakh tonnes; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?